

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common and Zoom

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Michele Gonzales; Visitors: Kathleen Hayes (Zoning Administrator); Nick Seifert (Energy Committee); Michael Billingsley, and Chris Ibey.

At 5:38 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Changes or additions to the agenda: Added Old Schoolhouse Common Building Committee update, RERC Technical Assistance update

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Approved the minutes of the August 2, 2022, August 16, 2022, and September 6, Selectboard meeting

Zoning Issues: Kathleen Hayes reported that Toby Danforth has been working on correcting the zoning violations on his property. Some of the previous violations still exist. Kathleen's next step will be to send a formal notice of violation.

Solar: Nick Seifert reported on new information he obtained from Green Mountain Power. The incentive of 6¢ per kilowatt for generated power was for 10 years, and that expires at the beginning of next year. At that point, the generated credits can only be used for usage, and cannot cover the other fixed charges, such as the Emerald Ash Borer fee, the customer charge, etc. Given this information, he recommended that using a solar off-take provider may make more sense than adding new panels. The Selectboard agreed with his assessment. Nick will return at a later with more information.

Marshfield Dam: Michael Billingsley addressed the Board regarding the dam. He provided his understanding of the current improvements and expressed his concerns about the safety of the dam. He requested that Marshfield request a tour of the dam facilities that would also include Plainfield and Cabot. Chris will email Plainfield and Cabot to check on their interest in having a tour.

Metal Detecting: Chris Ibey contacted the Town to ask if we have a policy regarding metal detecting, as he would like to work on Town property. The Board granted permission, provided that he fills in holes, turns into the Town office anything found with a value of over \$50, and turns into the Town Office anything of historic or archeological value.

Cabinets: The Selectboard authorized the purchase of used fire-proof file cabinets for \$600 each.

Route 2/Cabot Rd: The Selectboard approved the maintenance agreement with VTRANS and authorized Bobbi to sign it. They questioned how a deed transfer would work since the town only

has a right-of-way under the slip ramp. They noted that it would be the Zoning Administrator's decision whether the Torres/Graves transfer would be considered a minimal alteration, not requiring a subdivision permit.

Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District: The NEKWMD Board has proposed a charter change to allow the Board of Supervisors to approve the budget, rather than requiring a vote of the public by each town in the district. The Selectboard is in favor of the change.

Old Schoolhouse Common Building Committee Update: Rich reported that the Building Committee is meeting next Thursday the 29th. They are prioritizing the needs in the building.

RERC Technical Assistance Update: Rich updated the Selectboard on the progress of the recreation planning efforts.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and approved reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Gonzales, Selectboard Member

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the September 20, 2022 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
